

American Fencing

Rules for 1954 Nationals

Entries: Every qualified contestant, including automatic qualifiers, is personally responsible for filing his entry. This applies to both individuals and teams. **The fact of qualification does not constitute an entry.** Every entry must be accompanied by the entry fee (\$2.60 for individual epee, \$1.60 for other individual events; \$7.80 for epee team, \$5.80 for three-weapon team, \$4.80 for other team events). Group entries will be accepted from a division or club if filed by the appropriate officer and accompanied by the entry fees in full.

Filing date: All entries, including automatic qualifiers', must be received by the Chairman of the National Bout Committee **not later than Friday, May 28, 1954.** Address:

Miguel de Capriles
New York University
New York 3, N. Y.

Certification: All entries must be certified as to the fact of qualification. Automatic qualifiers must state the basis on which automatic qualification is asserted. Other qualifiers must be certified by the Chairman or Secretary of the Division, with full statement of the facts upon which qualification is based.

Automatic Qualifiers: In each weapon, the following individuals qualify automatically: (1) Finalists in the 1953 national individual championship; (2) All former national individual champions; (3) All members of the 1952 Olympic team; (4) The 1954 open sectional champions of the

Mid-West, Pacific Coast, and South-West; (5) Fencers of Veteran classification (aged 50 or over) who have been National Championship medalists or members of a U. S. Olympic Fencing Team; (6) Visiting members of the F.I.E. invited to participate by the Board of Governors.

Additional Qualifiers: In addition to the automatic qualifiers, each division and non-divisional group are entitled to a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 11 qualifiers in each individual event. The number of qualifiers is calculated as follows: (1) **On the basis of membership.** Up to 25 competitive members (excluding associate members), 3; 26-50, 4; 51-100, 5; 101- and over, 6. (2) **On the basis of the number of actual competitors in the qualifying competition.** Up to 9 competitors, 0; 10-19, 2; 20-29, 3; 30-39, 4; 40-and over, 5.

Team Qualifiers: From each division, 2 teams; from the non-divisional group, 4 teams. A team must represent a recognized club, and no club may be represented by more than one team. However, one divisional composite team is permitted, provided that all its members are members of the same division and none belong to a club represented by a team in that competition.

Plan of Team Competition: The first round of team events will be held on the basis of pools of three or four teams; thereafter, at the discretion of the Bout Committee, the competition may proceed by direct elimination.

Plan of Individual Competition: The

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Miss Nancy Ferrara has resigned from the position of Recording Secretary. Pending the appointment of a suitable replacement, her duties will be taken over by other officers of the A.F.L.A. It is important, however, that all correspondence be addressed simply to AMATEUR FENCERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA or AMERICAN FENCING, 70 East 45th Street, New York 17, N. Y., and not to Miss Ferrara, in order to avoid complications on delivery.

Please note that all matters referring to the National Championships should be sent to the chairman of the bout committee, Miguel de Capriles, New York University, New York 3, N. Y.

Checks should be made payable to the Amateur Fencers League of America and not to individuals.

finals will consist of 8 contestants and will be fenced on the basis of direct elimination, best two out of three bouts in all weapons. Pairings in the final will be determined by relative standing in the two semi-final pools: No. 1 in pool A vs. No. 4 in pool B, etc. Each semi-final will consist of 6, 7, 8, or 9 competitors.

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Make reservations now for

GALA NIGHT

THREE WEAPON TEAM FINALS
AWARD OF TROPHIES; DANCING

Friday, June 18, 1954
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel

OBITUARIES

Jean M. Gelas died February 10, 1954
Louis Vauthier died March 17, 1954

Within the short span of five weeks, two of the grand old masters of American fencing passed on. Both were born in France, although a generation apart, and both were trained as fencing masters in the classical French school which had a dominant influence in the early development of the sport in the United States. Both spent most of their careers in American colleges, and both taught fencing at the United States Military Academy in West Point. They were Louis Vauthier, who died at the age of 91, and Jean M. Gelas, twenty years younger. Both of their wives survive.

Vauthier joined the French army at the age of 18 and won an appointment to the famous fencing school at Joinville-le-Pont, from which he was graduated as *Maître d'Armes*. In 1890, he opened a fencing academy in Paris, and in 1893 came to New York as fencing master for the Fencers Club. But he is best remembered for his long association with the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He seems to have taught fencing there on a part-time basis for two years; then he resigned from the Fencers Club to accept a full-time position at the Academy beginning July 1, 1905. Then, on February 1, 1916, he was succeeded by Jean M. Gelas and became a civilian instructor in French. During his ten years as fencing master, Vauthier's Army teams won 39 out of 40 dual meets and six inter-collegiate championship, placing second in the other four. Six years later, when Gelas moved to Hamilton, Vauthier returned to coaching for the 1922 season. In 1923, the cadets' yearbook, "Howitzer," said of him: "No man ever strove more earnestly to set West Point upon its highest pedestal, nor guarded more zealously the finest traditions of Corps honor and spirit," and named him an honorary member of the Class of 1923. Vauthier was scheduled to retire at age 65 in 1928, but he did not "finally" do so until April 30, 1942. That day, the Corps of Cadets passed in review for their white-haired swordsman and teacher of French. Colonel A. L. Keyes, USMA '23, who became director of the West Point Museum after World War II, wrote: "Since 1916 no fewer than thirty-one classes have studied French under his guidance and, of still greater importance, have listened to his famous talks on the West Point spirit—that West Point shall be better today than ever before and that it shall go on to an even higher destiny in the times to come."

Gelas, the son of a fencing master, was graduated from the academy for fencing master in Cannes in 1902. He came to the United States in 1903 and for the next three years taught fencing at Springfield College in Massachusetts. Gelas went to Cornell for ten years, and in 1916 succeeded Vauthier as West Point's fencing master. Then, in 1921, he accepted an appointment at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, where he also coach soccer, and eventually became head of the Physical Education Department. Gelas helped to develop the college's athletic policy which emphasizes sports that can be played after graduation. He retired in 1946.

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Middle Atlantic Intercollegiates

By Roger F. Jones

At the 3rd annual Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association Championships, held on March 13, Johns Hopkins won the three-weapon title and the Grasso Trophy. Haverford was second and former champion Lehigh was third. Temple, the host college, was fourth and Lafayette fifth. Team champions in the different weapons were: Foil, Temple (Association Trophy); epee, Johns Hopkins (Roger Jones Trophy); sabre, Haverford (Karl Spaeth Trophy).

Team Summaries	Foil	Epee	Sabre	Total
Johns Hopkins	10	13	9	32
Haverford	5	11	14	30
Lehigh	10	6	12	28
Temple	14	6	4	24
Lafayette	6	9	6	21

In the individuals, John Fratto of Temple won the foil title on a fence-off, 5-4, over Bill Laub of Lehigh; Hugh Montague of Johns Hopkins took the epee; and Bill Masland of Haverford improved his runner-up position of last year to capture the sabre.

Individual Summaries

Foil: (1) John Fratto, Temple, 8-1; (2) Bill Laub, Leigh, 8-1; (3) Jerry Feinchel, Hopkins, 7-2; (4) Greenwald, Laf., 6-3, 23 t.r.; (5) Meisel, Temple, 6-3, 32 t.r.; (6) Strutton, Hopkins, 3-6, 34 t.r.; (7) Noble, Haverford, 3-6, 39 t.r.; (8) Van Horn, Lehigh, 2-7, 37 t.r.; (9) Reno, Haverford, 2-7, 41 t.r.; (10) Battister, Laf., 0-9.

Epee: (1) Hugh Montague, Hopkins, 8-1; (2) Dave Green, Hav., 6-3, 15/22; (3) Bill Rambo, Laf., 6-3, 15/20; (4) Oles, Hopkins, 5-4, 16 t.r.; (5) Bittel, Hav., 5-4, 17 t.r.; (6) Heyman, Temple, 4-5, 17 t.r.; (7) Betz, Lehigh, 4-5, 21 t.r.; (8) Runyon, Laf., 3-6; (9) Zecker, Lehigh, 2-7, 21 t.r.; (10) Smilowitz, Temple, 2-7, 27 t.r.

Sabre: (1) Bill Masland, Haverford, 8-1; (2) Costel Denson, Lehigh, 7-2; (3) Dave Beatty, Hav., 6-3; (4) Doherty, Hop., 5-4, 29 t.r.; (5) Goldwyn, Lehigh, 5-4, 37 t.r.; (6) Jones, Hop., 4-5, 34/35; (7) Santoni, Laf., 4-5, 34/30; (8) Schimp, Temple, 3-6; (9) Pellesh, Laf., 2-7; (10) Torp, Temple, 1-8.

Jose de Capriles' third article on the A.F.L.A. will appear in the next issue.

Navy Wins Pentagonal

By James H. Flynn

By the narrow margin of one bout, Navy retained its Pentagonal title, outscoring Yale 69-68. The Elis captured the foil and sabre team events, but the midshipmen's commanding margin in epee told the story. John C. Gonzales, a Navy second-classman, had a clean sweep in the individual foil, and his team-mate Donald E. Loring won the individual epee on a fence-off. Yale swept all three places in sabre.

The New York Athletic Club was host for the tournament, which was under the direction of Richard P. Walsh.

Team Results

(Epee, Foil, Sabre, in order)

(1) Navy: 27-23-19, total 69; (2) Yale: 10-27-31, total 68; (3) Princeton: 24-19-15, total 58; (4) Army: 19-14-17, total 60; (5) Harvard: 10-7-8, total 25.

Individual Results

Epee: (1) Loring, Navy, 10-2, won fence-off 3-0; (2) Sisson, Navy, 10-2; (3) Hoitsma, Princeton, 9-3; (4) Stewart, Princeton, 8-4.

Foil: (1) Gonzales, Navy, 12-0; (2) Kolowrat, Princeton, 10-2, on touches; (3) Cohen, Yale, 10-2; (4) Shoemaker, Yale, 9-3.

Sabre: (1) Addis, Yale, 11-1; (2) Zuckerman, Yale, 10-2, on touches; (3) Goering, Yale, 10-2; (4) Eyring, Princeton, 8-4.

Linkmeyer Honored

By John C. McKee

Fred Linkmeyer, L.A.A.C., was awarded the annual "Most Honored Opponent" gold medal by the Cavaliers of Pasadena at a charming ceremony on January 19. The presentation was made by Miss Trudi Wodgeske. A second medal, recognizing unusual work done by a commercial firm for the advancement of fencing, was presented by John C. McKee to the Southern California Trophy Company.

Ed. note: American Fencing is happy to congratulate Mr. Linkmeyer, who has been a faithful correspondent of this magazine since its inception in 1949, covering the results of divisional competitions.

Official AFLA Notes

By RALPH GOLDSTEIN, Secretary

National Championships

The Board of Governors on March 1 approved the schedule for the national championships to be held in New York June 11 to 18. The following committees were appointed to handle the national championship tournament:

Bout Committee: Miguel de Capriles, chairman; Ray Chambers, Dorothy Friedman, Tracy Jaekel, Norman Lewis, Anthony Orsi, Austin Prokop, and Leo Sobel.

Competitive Sites: Douglas Boyea, Grand Central Y.M.C.A.; Nathaniel Lubell, Fencers Club; Wilfried Ritayik, Saltus Club; Albert C. Vogt, New York A. C.

Epee Equipment: James Castello.

Medals and Trophies: Allan Kwartler.

Publicity: Mike Matzkin.

Tickets: Rudolph Ozol.

Gala Night: Lou Shaff, chairman; J. Richard Lutz and William Latzko.

A motion was made that the national individual finals be fenced off on direct elimination for two-out-of-three bouts with pairings determined for the eight finalists on the basis of performance in the semi-final round. A tie vote was resolved in favor of the motion by the President. Mr. Shaff reported that CBS was interested in televising one of the events in the national championship tournament on an experimental basis. The Board expressed interest and instructed Mr. Shaff to indicate the willingness of the League to cooperate in the suggestion.

Metropolitan Affairs

At the Board meeting of January 11, the Metropolitan Accounting Committee and the Treasurer recommended (1) that the records of the metropolitan group of non-divisional members be set up as a separate unit, similar to a division; (2) that the Metropolitan Committee have a Treasurer whose main duties shall be to supervise entries to competitions and all financial records; and (3) that a separate bank account be established for metropolitan dues and entry fees, with disbursements to be made from it for medals, fees to salles, technicians, etc. The Board voted to appoint Leo Sobel as Assistant Treasurer of the A.F.L.A. in charge of metropolitan finances. It was understood that the separation of funds is only for book-keeping and record purposes and does not limit the control exercised by the Board of Governors over this portion of the national treasury. No expenditures other than those indicated above, plus postage, stationery and minor incidentals are to be made without Board approval.

A further report presented to the Board of Governors on March 1 recommended that metropolitan entries, entry fees, etc., be routed through a metropolitan officer rather than the national recording secretary. This recommendation was approved in principle for the 1954-55 season. This year, however, the established procedure is to continue until the end of the season.

Both of these recommendations are intended to clear up the log-jam which has developed in the national offices as a result of the publication of *American Fencing* and the increased membership activity in the divisions and in the metropolitan area.

Membership Report

March 31, 1954

Active Coll. St. Assoc. Total

Non-Divisional

Metropolitan	90	80	28	16	214
Harrisburg	7	4	2	0	13
Kansas City	4	2	5	0	11
Sub-total	101	86	35	16	238
Divisional					
Border	5	26	30	0	61
Columbus	4	9	2	1	16
Connecticut	17	21	20	1	59
Delaware	5	0	0	0	5
Florida	1	0	0	0	1
Georgia	7	1	1	0	9
Gulf Coast	12	52	12	1	77
Illinois	26	36	41	4	107
Iowa	4	0	18	0	22
Kentucky	3	8	0	0	11
Maryland	9	28	34	3	74
Miami Valley	8	0	1	1	10
Michigan	50	38	18	4	110
Mid-New York	5	1	0	0	6
Minnesota	11	10	1	0	22
Nebraska	5	7	0	0	12
New England	19	21	7	3	50
New Jersey	21	26	24	6	77
New Orleans	6	4	2	0	12
No. California	39	17	5	3	64
No. Ohio	10	3	4	1	18
Oregon	10	13	24	1	48
Philadelphia	15	36	27	2	80
Seattle	7	7	0	0	14
So. California	100	30	7	5	142
So. Florida	4	2	1	0	7
St. Louis	15	2	3	0	20
Washg'ton, D.C.	19	7	0	1	27
Westchester	11	0	0	1	12
Western N. Y.	29	42	27	5	103
Wisconsin	15	7	5	0	27
Totals	593	540	349	59	1541
Life Members					18

No report has been received from Alaska, Cincinnati, Colorado, North Texas, and Spokane Divisions.

NON-DIVISIONAL MEETING

Election of non-divisional governors for 1954-55 will be the main order of business at the annual meeting of the non-divisional members of the League to be held at the Fencers Club on Monday, June 7, at 8 p.m. Discussion of matters of local interest, including changes to be effected next year in connection with entries, etc., should attract a large participation of members.

AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

The annual meeting of the A.F.L.A. on Monday, June 14, will be asked to ratify an amendment to Section 2, Chapter VIII, of the By-Laws, so that the Executive Committee of a Section may appoint a Secretary-Treasurer from the same division as the President or Vice-President, instead of being limited—under present language—to the appointment of a Committee member. Since Committee members are all members from different divisions, the present rule handicaps the administration of a section.

New Team Competition

By James H. Flynn

The Board of Governors has approved a new All-Eastern Invitation Three-Weapon Team Tournament, to be held on Saturday, May 22, 1954, at 2 P.M., at the Passaic (N.J.) Armory. The competition, which is sponsored jointly by the New Jersey Division and Wechsler's Department Store, 200 Jefferson St., Passaic, N. J., will be limited to six three-weapon teams, and will consist of a round-robin of the contestants in each weapon. The team trophy will become the property of the winning team, and individual prizes will be awarded to the members of the top three teams. Wechsler's Department Store, which is financing the tournament, will make a substantial donation to the A.F.L.A. for the benefit of the U. S. Olympic Team. Peter Tishman is in charge of arrangements.

Amateur Reinstatements

Acting upon a strong recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee, the Board of Governors on March 1 approved the reinstatement of Duris DeJong to amateur status. Mr. DeJong's application had been filed in 1950 with strong support of the Southern California Division, and the Board at that time was satisfied as to its merit; but under well-established policy it could not be acted upon until the lapse of two years from the last professional act. At the meeting of the Board of Governors on September 17, 1952, however, the Reinstatement Committee recommended—and the Board approved—the adoption of a statement of policy against the reinstatement of any person who had held himself out to the public as a fencing master and had actively pursued that profession for any considerable length of time. Mr. DeJong's application, which was to have been acted upon at the same meeting, was deemed to have been rejected by the action of the Board in adopting the new policy statement.

The case was reopened in 1953 at the direction of the President, who requested the Reinstatement Committee to determine (1) whether Mr. DeJong's application should be governed by the policy in effect at the time it was filed, i.e., 1950, or by the policy adopted in September 1952; and (2), if the former, whether present circumstances would warrant favorable action by the Board at this time. After an exhaustive investigation and detailed consideration, the Committee answered both questions in the affirmative.

The Committee also recommended and the Board approved the reinstatement of Charles Bush to amateur standing.

DERNELL EVERY RESIGNS

At the Board meeting on March 1, the President submitted a letter from Dernell Every in which he resigned from all committees. He remains a life member and, as past president, a member of the Board. The resignation was accepted with sincere regret. Dr. James H. Flynn was appointed to fill the vacancy thus created on the Executive Committee.

COLUMBIA AND CORNELL DOMINATE I.C.F.A.

By Miguel de Capriles

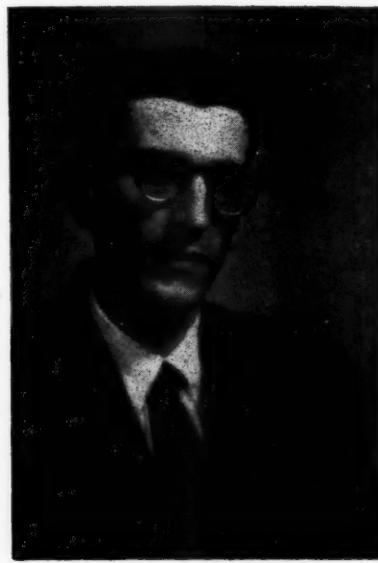
Columbia and Cornell swept all seven team and individual titles at the 57th annual championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, held at New York University on March 12 and 13. Columbia's beautifully balanced and well-trained squad won the "Lion's" share: three of the four team events outright, as well as the individual sabre. Cornell won the individual foil and epee. The two schools divided the foil team honors, and as a result "The Little Iron Man"—oldest intercollegiate trophy in active competition in any sport, having been donated by the Racquet and Tennis Club in 1894 for this event—will spend six months at Ithaca and six months at Morningside Heights.

Columbia's 12-point margin of victory in the three-weapon totals was one of the most impressive in history, and a great tribute to the skill of its young coach, Irving DeKoff. Undefeated in dual meets, the Blue and White team showed top strength in each of its nine positions, and yet had no really outstanding stars. Steve Sobel, the new sabre champion, is undoubtedly the finest college technician in this weapon, but the burden of his first-year law studies has left him little time for practice this year, and he narrowly escaped elimination due to fatigue. Columbia's victory in the epee team was its first since the event was instituted in 1923; its one-sided triumph in sabre team was matched by a clean sweep of the individual medals.

It was a great day for veteran George Cointe, Cornell's popular coach, when his foilsmen, scoring 8 points in each position, tied Columbia for the team championship. Isolated from the large centers of fencing in New York, the Big Red did not figure to do any more. But its two finalists had tasted the heady wine of victory and would not be denied. Phil Mocquard, a peppery young Frenchman, faced Bob Goldman of Pennsylvania in the decisive foil bout after both men had beaten the other finalists, and Mocquard won handily, 5-2. Dick Pew, a lanky lefthander, finished in a tie with Columbia's Luke Moreau for first place, and Pew reeled off a perfect 3-0 victory for the epee title.

Navy's second places in epee and three-weapon team, and third in sabre team, added up to a fine record. But the defending champions had hoped for a better showing. Yale, a single point behind Navy, made its strongest bid in years, posting a sabre team score which under normal circumstances would have been high enough to win. Pennsylvania missed the stars it lost by graduation last year, and just managed to nose out Cornell for fifth place in the three-weapon standings.

N.Y.U. made its poorest showing in years. Although below standard in over-all strength, it was favored in epee. Paced by Herman Wallner, who had won in 1952 and 1953 and had been undefeated in dual meets in 1954, the Violet had scored heavily with this weapon during the season. But Wallner faltered in his bid to become the first three-time epee winner in the Association's history, and was eliminated on the fence-off of a triple tie for qualification into the finals.



Irving DeKoff

Columbia Was Tops

EPEE

Pool 1. **Jacoby**, Yale, 10-1; **Pew**, Cornell, 9-2; **Brackmann**, Rutgers, 7-4 (qualified on fence-off); **Wallner**, N.Y.U., 7-4; **Bernstein**, Columbia, 7-4; **Sisson**, Navy, 6-5; **Stewart**, Princeton, 5-6; **Gabbert**, Army, 3-8; **Solomon**, Brooklyn, 3-8; **Malden**, C.C.N.Y., 3-8; **Scherer**, Harvard, 3-8; **Reivich**, Penn., 3-8.

Pool 2. **Loring**, Navy, 9-2; **Schafft**, N.Y.U., 9-2; **Wald**, Columbia, 8-3; **Fishman**, Penn, 8-3; **Heitsma**, Princeton, 7-4; **Mortenstein**, Rutgers, 5-6; **Torchia**, Yale, 5-6; **Kaufman**, Cornell, 2-2; **Cypthers**, Cornell, 2-5; **Miller**, C.C.N.Y., 3-8; **Schuh**, Army, 2-2; **Vollmann**, Army, 1-7; **Rothman**, Brooklyn, 1-10.

Pool 3. **Moreau**, Columbia, 9-2; **Pilcher**, Navy, 8-3; **Piersalla**, Harvard, 7-4; **Levy**, Penn, 7-4; **Hoffman**, Princeton, 6-5; **Legoff**, Rutgers, 6-5; **Reagan**, Cornell, 6-5; **Baracus**, Brooklyn, 5-6; **Woerner**, Army, 4-7; **Carlson**, Yale, 2-2; **Sutton**, Yale, 2-5; **Pons**, N.Y.U., 3-8; **Ulenas**, C.C.N.Y., 1-10.

FOIL

Pool 1. **Mocquard**, Cornell, 8-3 (qualified on fence-off); **Seeman**, C.C.N.Y., 8-3 (qualified on fence-off); **Goldman**, Penn, 8-3 (qualified on fence-off); **Gonzales**, Navy, 8-3; **DeMarco**, Columbia, 7-4; **Kolowrat**, Princeton, 7-4; **Shoemaker**, Yale, 6-5; **Primamore**, Rutgers, 5-6; **Glatter**, Brooklyn, 4-7; **Dougherty**, Army, 2-9; **Petix**, N.Y.U., 2-9; **Forandek**, Harvard, 1-10.

Pool 2. **Di Martini**, Columbia, 9-2; **Be**, Rutgers, 9-2; **Paltrow**, Cornell, 8-3; **Nickles**, Penn, 8-3; **Smith**, Princeton, 7-4; **Taylor**, N.Y.U., 6-5; **Miller**, Army, 4-7; **Miernick**, Brooklyn, 4-7; **Zechlin**, Navy, 4-7; **Schneider**, Harvard, 1-10; **Weiss**, C.C.N.Y., 2-3; **Gordon**, C.C.N.Y., 0-6.

Pool 3. **Cohen**, Yale, 10-1; **Rubinstein**, Columbia, 8-3; **Post**, Cornell, 8-3; **Wertlieb**, C.C.N.Y., 6-5; **Grego**, Navy, 6-5; **Karp**, Penn, 6-5; **Boley**, Princeton, 6-5; **Prostick**, Brooklyn, 5-6; **Eddins**, Army, 4-7; **Thompson**, Harvard, 4-7; **Gotkin**, N.Y.U., 2-9; **Freeman**, Rutgers, 1-4; **Schneider**, Rutgers, 0-6.

SABRE

Team Summaries	Epee	Foil	Sabre	Total
1. Columbia	24	24*	29	77
2. Navy	23	18	24	65
3. Yale	19	20	25	64
4. Pennsylvania	18	22	19	59
5. Cornell	19	24*	15	58
6. N.Y.U.	19**	10	23	52
7. Princeton	18	20	12	50
8. Rutgers	18	15	10	43
9. Army	10	10	14	34
10. C.C.N.Y.	7	16	10	33
11. Brooklyn	9	13	10	32
12. Harvard	14	6	7	27

* Tie for first. ** Third on touches.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Epee: (1) **Pew**, Cornell, 4-1, won fence-off 3-0; (2) **Moreau**, Col., 4-1; (3) **Loring**, Navy, 2-3, 11 t.r.; (4) tie, **Jacoby**, Yale and **Brackmann**, Rutgers, 2-3, 12/10; (6) **Schafft**, N.Y.U., 1-4.

Foil: (1) **Mocquard**, Cornell, 5-0; (2) **Goldman**, Penn., 4-1; (3) **Cohen**, Yale, 3-2; (4) **Be**, Rutgers, 2-3; (5) **Di Martini**, Col., 1-4; (6) **Seeman**, C.C.N.Y., 0-5.

Sabre: (1) **Sobel**, Co., 4-1; (2) **Pariser**, Col., 3-2; (3) **Reuter**, Col., 2-3, 20 t.r.; (4) **Goering**, Yale, 2-3, 21 t.r.; (5) **Allen**, Navy, 2-3, 23/20; (6) **Addiss**, Yale, 2-3, 23/18.



George Cointe

SABRE

Pool 1. **Allen**, Navy, 9-2 (first on fence-off); **Goering**, Yale, 9-2 (second on fence-off); **Sobel**, Columbia, 9-2 (third on fence-off); **Livergood**, N.Y.U., 9-2; **Grace**, Army, 8-3; **Brown**, Cornell, 8-3; **Farber**, Penn, 5-6; **Susco**, C.C.N.Y., 4-7; **White**, Rutgers, 4-7; **Rosenweig**, Brooklyn, 1-10; **Craig**, Harvard, 1-10.

Pool 2. **Reuter**, Columbia, 10-1; **Addiss**, Yale, 9-2; **Horowitz**, Penn, 7-4; **Parker**, Navy, 7-4; **Rosenberg**, N.Y.U., 6-5; **Blanton**, Army, 5-6; **Gross**, Brooklyn, 4-7; **Sugin**, C.C.N.Y., 4-7; **Morales**, Cornell, 4-7; **Kroll**, Princeton, 4-7; **Frigeri**, Rutgers, 4-7; **Livingston**, Harvard, 2-9.

Pool 3. **Pariser**, Columbia, 10-1; **White**, Navy, 8-3; **Abrams**, N.Y.U., 8-3; **Venuto**, Penn, 7-4; **Zuckerman**, Yale, 7-4; **Johnson**, Princeton, 5-6; **Mason**, Cornell, 5-6; **Schneider**, Brooklyn, 5-6; **Kenny**, Harvard, 4-7; **Hinrichs**, Army, 3-8; **Iofreda**, Rutgers, 2-9.

Every college fencer has an investment of time and effort which can pay substantial dividends in healthful recreation and stimulating physical activity for many years after graduation. To realize fully on this investment, join an amateur club, keep taking lessons from qualified professionals, and compete in A.F.L.A. events.

News from the Divisions

Northern California

By Ferard Leicester, Secretary

The results of divisional competitions from January 15 to March 13 were as follows:

Intermediate Epee, 1/15/54, H.S.F., 10 entries.

(1) Wesley Olson, Olympic; (2) George Ling, U. Calif.; (3) Gordon Scheile, Halberstadt.

Women's Novice, 1/16/54, H.S.F., 4 entries.

(1) Ann Elise Reiber, Funke; (2) Barbara De Boer, Berkeley; (3) Vera Pirquet, Halberstadt.

Intermediate Epee Team, 1/22/54, H.S.F., 3 teams.

(1) Olympic Club (F. Giambra, J. Baker, W. Olson).

Three Weap. Indiv., 1/31/54, H.S.F., 6 entries.

(1) Albert Lambert, Berkeley, 48-27 t.; (2) Gordon Scheile, H.S.F., 43-32 (place decided on bouts); (3) Jack Baker, O.C., 43-32.

Junior Sabre, 2/5/54, H.S.F., 10 entries.

(1) Gordon Scheile, H.S.F.; (2) Jack Adams, H.S.F.; (3) Dirl Van Ekelernborg, H.S.F.

Intermediate Sabre, 2/12/54, O.C., 8 finalists.

(1) Gordon Scheile, H.S.F.; (2) Frank Taylor, B.F.C.; (3) Edgar Talley, H.S.F.

Intermediate Foil, 2/19/54, Berkeley, 6 finalists.

(1) James Sagen, B.F.C.; (2) Gordon Scheile, H.S.F.; (3) Ralph Amado, Stanford.

Intermediate Foil Team, 2/26/54, H.S.F., 5 teams.

(1) Berkeley F.C. (J. Sagen, R. Gross, D. Van Peenen).

Women's Intermediate, 2/27/54, H.S.F., 12 entries.

(1) Eleanor Turney, H.S.F.; (2) Patricia Barkdul, H.S.F.; (3) Frances Carter, H.S.F.

Junior Foil Team, 3/6/54, 4 teams.

(1) Stanford University (R. Hodge, R. Amadeo, C. Walter).

Open Epee, 3/13/54, H.S.F., 14 entries.

(1) Duris DeJong, Hollywood A.C., 3-0 on fence-off, 4-1; (2) Albert Lambert, B.F.C., 4-1; (3) L. Kanstein, B.F.C., 2-3, 9/10; (4) D. Swift, B.F.C., 2-3, 12/10; (5) G. Scheile, H.S.F., 2-3, 12/9; (6) P. Paret, H.S.F., 1-4.

Intermediate Sabre Team, 3/19/54

(1) Berkeley Fencers Club (R. Gross, F. Taylor, A. Lambert).

Women's Intermediate Team, 3/20/54

(1) Halberstadt S.F. (F. Carter, M. Huddleson, P. Barkdul).

Southern California

By Fred Linkmeyer

Following are the results of January and February competitions in the Southern California Division:

Senior Sabre, 1/15/54, K.F.C., 8 entries.

(1) Werner Kirchner, Cav.; (2) Josef Lampl, L.A.A.C.; (3) Dave Rice, L.A.A.C.

Intermediate Foil, 1/22/54, Pasadena Y, 42 entries.

(1) Clayton Williams, unatt.; (2) Bob Crawford, Faulk.; (3) Lucius Foster, Faulk.

Intermediate Epee, 1/29/54, L.A.A.C., 28 entries.

(1) William Lundeberg, Cav.; (2) Josef Lampl, L.A.A.C.; (3) Bob Crawford, Faulk.

Women's Inter. Team, 1/29/54, L.A.A.C., 5 teams.

(1) Faulkner S.F. (Bette Merwin, Bonnie Merwin, Alice Gerakin).

Inter. Sabre, 2/5/54, Long Beach Y, 34 entries.

(1) Fred Rayser, L.A.A.C.; (2) William Lundeberg, Cav.; (3) Phil Romano, Faulk.

Open Foil, 2/19/54, L.A.A.C., 47 entries.

(1) Bob Crawford, Faulk.; (2) Wallace H. Goldsmith, Hollywood A.C.; (3) Clayton Williams, unatt.

Women's Open, 2/26/54, L.A.A.C., 22 entries.

(1) Janice Lee York Romary, unatt.; (2) Maxine Mitchell, Hollywood A.C.; (3) Bernardino Meislahn, Faulkner. The following also qualified for Pacific Coast Championship: (4) Mary Jane Watson, Faulk.; (6) Trudi Wodgenske, Cav.; (6) Peggy Lundeberg, Cav.; (7) Barbara Baxter, unatt.

Oregon

By Bob L. Geier, Chairman

The Oregon Division, starting with 7 members in October, now numbers 47. It participated in the Pacific International Fencing Tournament in Vancouver, B.C. at the end of October, with Bob Geier and Don Appling finishing 1-2 in the junior foil event. Active clubs include Nottinghams School of Fencing, Y.M.C.A., Reed College and Portland State College. Results of divisional competitions:

Novice Foil (11/15/53, 15 competitors): (1) Bob Geier, NSF; (2) Donald Appling NSF; (3) Larry Frost, NSF.

Women's Novice (11/15/53, 6 competitors): (1) Janice Gay, NSF; (2) Virginia Shaughnessy, YMCA; (3) Emma Davis, NSF.

Novice Epee (11/29/53, 8 competitors): (1) Larry Frost, NSF; (2) Bob Geier, NSF; (3) Donald Appling, NSF.

Foil Team (1/30/54, 8 teams): Won by Seattle Division (W. C. Modrell, B. Wilson, A. Raisters, D. Firth).

Junior Foil (2/28/54, 22 competitors): (1) Bob Geier, NSF, on fence-off; (2) Pat Buie, Reed; (3) Tate Minckler, Reed.

Women's Junior (2/28/54, 10 competitors): (1) Janice Gay, NSF, on fence-off; (2) Virginia Shaughnessy, YMCA; (3) Jean Tibbitts, Reed.

CARFAGNO WINS ANOTHER OSCAR

Edward Carfagno, A.F.L.A. vice-president and the best all-around fencer ever developed on the Pacific Coast, received the Motion Picture Academy Award for art direction and set decoration on March 24 for his work in M.G.M.'s black-and-white film, *Julius Caesar*. Eddie was similarly honored last year.

Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse, Secretary

It is gratifying to note that entries in the Gulf Coast Division meets are averaging about 50 per cent higher this year than last. The prep epee competition scheduled for March 13 has been postponed to April 10. The women's junior foil, originally set for February 20, at Rice Institute, will be held April 24, and the epee team and individual scheduled for that day at Galveston will be transferred to Rice Institute, Houston. Results to date:

Texas A&M, 2/6/54

Novice Sabre (19 entries): (1) Gus Wulfman, A&M, on fence-off; (2) R. Braslau, A&M; (3) W. E. Anderson, A&M.

Novice Epee (12 entries): (1) G. Wulfman, A&M, on fence-off; (2) H. Applebaum, Rice; (3) W. Heuttel, A&M, on touches over R. Goodale and A. Garner, also of A&M.

Open Epee (7 entries): (1) W. Heuttel, A&M, on fence-off; (2) J. F. Pigg, A&M; (3) W. E. Anderson, A&M, on touches over C. Hill, J. Ramsey, and G. Wulfman.

University of Houston, 2/13/54

Women's Prep (4 entries): (1) Betty Day, HFC; (2) Caroline Babbitt, HFC; (3) Mrs. Pat Fike, HFC.

Prep Foil (18 entries): (1) R. Derrick, Humble; (2) J. Day, HFC; (3) J. Shanks, A&M.

Prep Epee (8 entries): (1) J. Shanks, A&M; (2) D. Burton, A&M; (3) D. Weilby, Rice.

Prep Sabre (17 entries): (1) C. Reed, Rice; (2) F. Sklar, Rice; (3) D. Roth, A&M.

Rice Institute, Houston, 2/20/54

Junior Foil (23 entries): (1) J. Strobel, HFC; (2) R. Derrick, HFC; (3) J. Ramsey, A&M.

Junior Epee (9 entries): (1) Gus Wulfman, A&M, on fence-off; (2) J. Ramsey, A&M; (3) F. Sklar, Rice.

St. Joseph's Nurses Home, Houston, 3/6/54

Women's Prep (4 entries): (1) Betty Day, HFC; (2) Barbara Farley, HFC, on touches; (3) Nancy Derrick, HFC, on touches over Carolyn Babbitt.

Junior Sabre (18 entries): (1) H. Applebaum, Rice; (2) R. Braslau, A&M; (3) J. Strobel, HFC.

Texas A&M, 3/13/54

Prep Foil (30 entries): (1) K. Jones, A&M, on fence-off; (2) R. Derrick, HFC; (3) C. Hill, A&M.

Prep Sabre (20 entries): (1) F. Sklar, Rice, after double fence-off of triple tie; (2) C. Reed, Rice; (3) T. O'Donnell, Texas.

Rice Institute, March 20

Women's Novice (8 entries): (1) Betty Day, H.F.C.; (2) Blackie Hanno, Corpus Christi; (3) Nancy Derrick, H.F.C.

Novice Foil (32 entries): (1) Gus Wulfman, A&M, on fence-off; (2) Bob Derrick, H.F.C.; (3) Jim Parker, Texas.

Novice Epee (12 entries): (1) Gus Wulfman, A&M, on fence-off; (2) Jim Parker, Texas, on fence-off; (3) Kenneth Jones, A&M.

Novice Sabre (16 entries): (1) Jim Parker, Texas, on fence-off; (2) Gus Wulfman, A&M, on fence-off; (3) Thos. Ashcraft, Texas.

North Texas

By Walter Kelm, Secretary

In the first team-match of the season, Dallas defeated Fort Worth, 5-4, despite Kenner's sweep of his three bouts. The winning team was composed of Anderson, Towry and Garrell. Results of other divisional events:

Prep Foil: (1) Dan Standee, on fence-off; (2) C. W. Garrell; (3) David Culp.

Junior Sabre: (1) C. Clampitt, on fence-off; (2) Ray Anderson; (3) W. Olcott.

NEW GROUP IN PITTSBURGH

A new fencing group of 10 adults and 7 children has been organized in Pittsburgh under the leadership of Mrs. Wilfried W. Bergmann, 1022 Findley Drive W., Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania.

News from the Divisions

Border

By Irving Kipnis

Seventeen teams have qualified for the Border Division Finals to be held at El Paso, Texas on March 27 and 28. The five women's teams include three from Arizona (Tucson YMCA, Tucson High School, and Salpointe High School) and two from El Paso (Jeanne d'Arc and St. Joseph's School). The twelve men's teams include five from Arizona (2 each from University of Arizona and Tucson YMCA, and one from Tucson High School), one from New Mexico (New Mexico Military Institute), and four from El Paso (Fort Bliss Falcons, El Paso YMCA, Austin High School and Salle d'Armes Windsor). Results of competitions in Arizona from February 20 to March 24:

Women's Open: (1) Ferol Marshick, Tucson YMCA; (2) Major Frances Thorp, Luke AFB; (3) Jane McPherson, Tucson H.S.

Open Foil: (1) Allan Marshick, U. Ariz.; (2) Hilary J. Sandoval, U. Ariz.; (3) Ken Marshick, U. Ariz.

Open Epee: (1) Hilary J. Sandoval, U. Ariz.; (2) Irving Kipnis, Tucson YMCA; (3) William Bingham, U. Ariz.

Open Sabre: (1) Irving Kipnis, Tucson YMCA; (2) William Bingham, U. Ariz.; (3) Bruce Burch, U. Ariz.

Women's Novice: (1) Marion Winters, Salpointe H.S.; (2) Jennie Jones, Tucson YMCA; (3) Jane McPherson, Tucson H.S.

Novice Foil: (1) Ben Marshick, U. Ariz.; (2) Mike Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.; (3) Pat Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.

Novice Epee: (1) Charles Nunnally, U. Ariz.; (2) Ken Marshick, U. Ariz.; (3) Mike Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.

Novice Sabre: (1) David Broadway, U. Ariz.; (2) Ken Marshick, U. Ariz.; (3) Mike Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.

Women's Prep: (1) Helen Vosskuhler, Tucson H.S.; (2) Jackie Frost, Salpointe H.S.; (3) Jean Toney, Salpointe H.S.

Prep Foil: (1) Andre Orlowski, U. Ariz.; (2) William Haugh, U. Ariz.; (3) Max Schetter, Tucson H.

Prep Epee: (1) William Haugh, U. Ariz.; (2) Andre Orlowski, U. Ariz.; (3) Leonard Valasukas, Luke AFB.

Prep Sabre: (1) Andre Orlowski, U. Ariz.; (2) William Haugh, U. Ariz.; (3) Robert Littlewood, Marana AFB.

Illinois

By Tom Soddy, Secretary

With membership topping 100 and the season in full swing, Hal Taxel of the University Club won the first open sabre meet without a loss in a field of 14 competitors. Clubmates John Cameron and Don Thompson took second and third respectively. The results of other events:

Open Epee (11 competitors): (1) Larry Kaufman, Salle Champaign; (2) Al Rose, University Club; (3) Joe Grassie, unatt.

Women's Prep (22 competitors): (1) Carol Sachtlenben, Mundelein C.; (2) Marilyn Eltgroth, Tribeline; (3) Betty Strauss, Harand F.C.

Women's Novice (12 competitors): (1) Marilyn Eltgroth, Tribeline; (2) Terry Kaplan, Champaign; (3) Margaret Robinson, Champaign.

Novice Foil (28 competitors): (1) John Cameron, Univ. C.; (2) Robert Venegas, U. Club; (3) Michael Fair, unatt.

Junior Foil (28 competitors): (1) John Cameron, Univ. Club; (2) Michael Fair, unatt.; (3) Kent Krumm, unatt.

Michigan

By Shirley Stein, Secretary

The following are the results of our current meets:

Three-Weapon Individual: (1) Byron Krieger, S. de Tuscan; (2) James Campoli, Grosse Pte. S.C.; (3) Howard Hayden, de Tuscan.

Novice Foil Team: (1) Salle de Tuscan (F. Bitonti, C. Chadwick, D. Snyder).

Women's Novice Team: (1) Lapeer High School (B. Fernea, N. Beardsley, Betty Roberts).

Novice Epee: (1) Robert Starnes, Wayne U.; (2) James Doyle, Ford Rec.; (3) Norman Herbert, U. Detroit.

Women's Novice: (1) Beverly Fernea, Lapeer; (2) Nancy Beardsley, Lapeer; (3) Betty Roberts, Lapeer.

Novice Foil: (1) George Thomas, unatt.; (2) Frank Bitonti, Wayne; (3) Louis Klei, Salle de Tuscan.

Foil, Waffe Handicap: (1) Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan; (2) Robert Fisk, S. de Tuscan; (3) James Campoli, Grosse Pt. S.C.

Women's Junior: (1) Beverly Fernea, Lapeer; (2) Marylyn Chadwick, S. de Tuscan; (3) Barbara de Polo, S. de Tuscan.

Women's Junior Team: (1) Salle de Tuscan (M. Chadwick, J. Snyder, D. Goyer).

Junior Foil: (1) Frank Tobey, S. de Tuscan; (2) Robert Fisk, S. de Tuscan; (3) James Doyle, Ford Rec.

Junior Foil Team: (1) de Tuscan (C. Chadwick, R. Fisk, D. Snyder).

Junior Epee: (1) Joseph Waffa, Lapeer; (2) Don Snyder, S. de Tuscan; (3) Raymond Chambers, S. de Tuscan.

Junior Sabre: (1) Charles Chadwick, S. de Tuscan; (2) Oscar Simpson, Wayne U.; (3) Howard Lang, unatt.

Intermediate Foil: (1) Richard Yasenachak, Grosse Pte. S.C.; (2) David Clinton, Wayne U.; (3) Clifford Olson, S. de Tuscan.

Intermediate Sabre: (1) Frank Bitonti, Wayne U.; (2) Louis Klei, S. de Tuscan; (3) Harry Jensen, S. de Tuscan.

Intermediate Epee: (1) Albert Kunzmann, Grosse Pte. S.C.; (2) Frank Tobey, S. de Tuscan; (3) Richard Yasenachak, Grosse Pte. S.C.

Women's Intermediate: (1) Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S.; (2) Jo Snyder, S. de Tuscan; (3) Beverly Fernea, Lapeer H.S.

Senior Foil: (1) Byron Krieger, S. de Tuscan; (2) James Campoli, Grosse Pte. S.C.; (3) Arthur Schankin, Grosse Pte. S.C.

Women's Senior: (1) Paula Sweeney, S. de Tuscan; (2) Carol Christensen, S. de Tuscan; (3) Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S.

Western New York

By Roger F. Jones, Divisional Chairman

The second annual Rochester invitational tournament was held successfully, and the Humboldt YMCA, on the initiative of Les Williams, also held an invitational tournament. Both enjoyed large entries. Last year's winners of divisional intermediate events retained their titles: Foil, Tony Buzzelli; Epee, Roger Jones; Sabre, Sid Schwartz; Women's, Fran Breton. A brand-new event was the epee-sabre team, consisting of one fencer in each weapon, both fencing for five touches in their bouts, and the winner being determined on a basis of total touches scored by both men. Results of competitions up to March 10, 1954:

ROCHESTER INVITATION

Women's Foil: (1) Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S., Mich.; (2) Fran Breton, Penguins, Buffalo; (3) Clea Cooper, R.I.T., Rochester.

Men's Foil: (1) Louis Ficarro, Rochester; (2) Fulton Dye, Buffalo F.C.; (3) Steve Sikes, Sampson A.F.B., Geneva.

Epee: (1) Norb Reade, U.B. Alumni, Buffalo; (2) Dave Bohacket, Rochester; (3) Roger Jones, Buffalo F.C.

Sabre: (1) Dave Bohacket, Rochester; (2) Sid Schwartz, U.B. Alumni, Buffalo; (3) Les Williams, Penguins, Buffalo.

HUMBOLDT YMCA INVITATION

Foil: (1) Charles Reese, Sampson A.F.B., Geneva; (2) Les Williams, Penguins, Buffalo; (3) Dave Bohacket, Rochester.

Epee: (1) Fulton Dye, Buffalo F.C.; (2) Dave Bohacket, Rochester, (3) Bill Gorman, Canisius College, Buffalo.

Sabre: (1) Roger Jones, Buffalo F.C.; (2) Jules Goldstein, Jewish Center, Buffalo; (3) Sidney Schwartz, U.B. Alumni, Buffalo.

OTHER EVENTS

Women's Intermediate: (1) Fran Breton, Penguins; (2) Nancy Zielinsky, Jewish Center; (3) Jeanne Sikes, Buffalo F.C.

Intermediate Foil: (1) Tony Buzzelli, Penguins; (2) Lou Cargill, Rochester; (3) Dave Bohacket, Rochester.

Intermediate Epee: (1) Roger Jones, Buffalo F.C.; (2) Les Williams, Penguins; (3) Bill Kohsmann, U.B. Alumni.

Intermediate Sabre: (1) Sid Schwartz, U.B. Alumni; (2) Aldo Santorri, U.B.; (3) Dave Bohacket, Rochester.

Prep Foil: (1) Tom MacArthur, Nichols School; (2) Kaye Everett, U.B.; (3) Charles W. F. Jacobs, Jewish Center.

Prep Sabre: (1) Dan Hermanson, U.B.; (2) John Hamilton, U.B.; (3) Peter Vasilian, U.B.

Epee-Sabre Team: (1) U.B. Alumni (Sid Schwartz, Bob Starks); (2) Buffalo F.C. #1 (Dave Bohacket, Roger Jones); (3) Buffalo F.C. #2 (Les Williams, Fulton Dye).

New England

By Helen A. Dargie

The results of divisional competitions from February 14 to March 7 were as follows:

Intermediate Foil (2/14/54): (1) Robert Dion, Tufts; (2) Ed Richards, Salle Elde; (23) Ed Somody, M.I.T.

Women's Intermediate (2/28/54): (1) Grace Marantz, BFC; (2) Doris Salisbury, BFC; (3) Helen Kenney, Boston YWCA.

Foil Team (3/7/54): Won by Collegians (Ed Richards, Phil Craig, Ed Somody).

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Maryland

By Al Rose, Secretary

In this year's traditionally high calibre Jewish Community Center Invitational Foil, Captain Leonard Doughty, U.S.N., spotted his opponents 30 years but took home a gold medal. Captain Doughty, who admits to over 60, outplayed Eaton Bayor 5-3 in a fence-off. Robert Lewis, another youngster like Bayor, of only 30-odd years, was third. The results of A.F.L.A. competitions follow:

Junior Epee Ch.: (1) Msm. Donald Loring, USNA; (2) Msm. Harold Pilcher, USNA; (3) Comm. Arnold Plemmons, U.S. Navy.

Junior Sabre Ch.: (1) Msm. Jack White, USNA; (2) Msm. John Pierce, USNA; (3) Msm. Thomas Sandmeyer, USNA.

Junior Foil Ch.: (1) Matt Scialla, Inter. Centre; (2) Rudy Minelli, Johns Hopkins U.; (3) Robert Mazan, Int. Cent.

Prod Epee: (1) Carlyle Storm, Johns Hopkins; (2) Robert Mazan, Int. Cent.; (3) Richard Everett, Johns Hopkins.

Schoolboy Foil: (1) Robert Mazan, Patterson Pk. H.S.; (2) Ronald Riello, Balto. C.C.H.S.; (3) Maurice Wells, Balto C.C.H.S.

Three Weapon Team: (1) Johns Hopkins "A" (W. Stratton, R. Oles, R. Jones).

Sabre Team: (1) Philadelphia Division "A" (R. Dyer, J. Farber, J. Otto).

Miami Valley

By Bob Goodbar and Louis Makley

The Miami Valley Division is in the process of reactivation by the establishment of two principal fencing centers, one at the Dayton Y.M.C.A. and the other at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. March 10 has been set as the deadline for payment of A.F.L.A. dues, and Louis Cox, Physical Director at the Y.M.C.A., West Monument Avenue, Dayton 2, Ohio, has been appointed Secretary of the Division.

The Dayton Y.M.C.A. has made arrangements to provide fencers of both sexes with full privileges upon payment of a modest general membership fee. Bob Goodbar, who is handling the coaching on an amateur basis, hopes to start fencing groups in the Dayton high schools next fall. The Wright-Patterson Fencing Club, open to both men and women, meets every Thursday evening in the Dodge Gym at 7:30 p.m. Fencing classes are conducted free of charge for both military and civilian personnel by Colonel Louis W. Makley, USAF, and A. E. Rahm, civilian employee at the base. Membership in the club has now reached 34 men and 8 women.

New Jersey

By Lucy Stamilla, Secretary

The results of divisional competitions, not previously published, up to March 1, 1954, were as follows:

Novice Sabre (12/17/53, Newark C.E., 16 entries). (1) Mary White, Rutgers; (2) Fleet Johnston, Princeton; (3) Anie Kroll, Princeton.

Women's Intermediate (Qual. Rd., 1/20/54, Grove St. School, 14 entries).

(1) Jane Dardia, Paterson S.T.C.; (2) Catherine Kopp, Montclair S.T.C.; (3) Jean Moreck, Paterson S.T.C.

Women's State Junior Ch. (2/4/64, Mont. S.T.C., 19 entries).

(1) Lorraine Murad, Pat. B. & M.; (2) Doris Heys, Montclair S.T.C.; (3) Grace Monaco, Paterson S.T.C.

Women's Open (3/1/54, Paterson S.T.C., 11 entries).

(1) Anne Drungis, Santelli; (2) Louise Knab, Santelli; (3) Catherine Kopp, Montclair S.T.C.

FOR SAFER FENCING

Recently two unfortunate fencing accidents have happened at Syracuse and Philadelphia. Although fencing accidents as such are uncommon, these two represent types that have been recurring over the years. In the eight years of experience of the writer, only one serious foil injury and one serious epee accident (the fatality at the '51 World Championship) have come to light. On the other hand, the writer has seen or heard of five serious or near-serious sabre mishaps, all falling into two categories: a point thrust which pierced the armpit and entered the chest, and a point thrust which pierced the mask and hit the face.

Is sabre a dangerous weapon to fence? No—certainly not any more so than any other weapon when the rules are observed and clean technique employed. The reason for all these accidents is of a dual nature: condition of equipment and style of play. Armpit injuries can be prevented by wearing a strong jacket, employing a double thickness of cloth in the sleeve and a triple thickness at the armpit (as required by Rule 216). Check your jacket now: Is it adequate? If the cloth is rotted by perspiration, replace it. The other phase of equipment condition lies in the peculiarity of blade construction. Foils and epees have wide, flat tips which wear very slowly and usually remain blunt when they wear. On the other hand, sabres have a small, narrow button (often smaller than the rules require) which wears quickly at either end of the tip, in the cutting edge plane, and soon present a rounded, if not gently pointed, end. Rules 274 and 288 require fencers to tape or simi-

larly protect the tips of their weapons, and this precaution will prevent dangerous wearing of the button. Furthermore, judges and directors appreciate the improved visibility of the taped tip of a weapon. Most fencers neglect to tape the tips of the sabre, and this is the weapon where the tape is needed most.

Style of play frequently has the largest role in accidents. Relying on brute force rather than skill to touch an opponent is a dangerous and undesirable practice. The properly coached fencer will avoid such actions as making a stop thrust by lunging hard into an opponent's attack, or executing attacks by hurling himself at his opponent. It is unfortunate that many directors fail to enforce the rules regarding unnecessary roughness and dangerous play (Rules 314, 330, 332, 333), because this failure encourages a rough fencer to continue "butchering."

The solution of the problem requires strict adherence to the rules by the officials and contestants, and also a conscious effort to fence a cleaner game. Fencing is a safe sport, basically. Let's keep it that way.

Washington, D. C.

By Lissie Nielsen, Secretary

The following are the results of divisional competitions to February 28, 1954:

Junior Sabre: (1) Clarence Roher YMCA; (2) Lt. Col. Thomas Carhart, USAF, Wash. F.C.; (3) Elliott Miller, YMCA.

Novice Foil: (1) Clarence Roher, YMCA; (2) Elliott Miller, YMCA; (3) Capt. C. F. King, YMCA.

Junior Epee: (1) Harold Newton, WFC, on fence-off; (2) Lt. Col. Thomas Carhart, USAF, WFC; (3) Elliott Miller, YMCA.

Mixed Foil Team: (1) Harold and Peggy Newton, Washington F.C.

Open Foil, Lanzilli Prize: (1) Gary Martin, WFC; (2) Peter Conomikos, WFC; (3) Scott Breckinridge, WFC.

Women's Open: (1) Hertha Wegener, WFC; (2) Lissie Nielsen, WFC; (3) Abbie Rose, Tri-Weapon, Baltimore.

Open Sabre, Messineo Prize: (1) Harold Newton, WFC; (2) Peter Conomikos, WFC; (3) Scott Breckinridge, WFC.

Open Epee: (1) Gary Martin, WFC; (2) Lt. Col. Thomas Carhart, USAF, WFC; (3) Capt. Leonard Doughty, U.S. Navy, Annapolis.

Kentucky

A letter has been received from Pfc. Jack Berger, formerly of the Brooklyn College Fencing Team and now with the 11th Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He writes:

"Here at Fort Campbell a fencing club is in the process of being born. This addition to the Special Services Unit of the 11th Airborne Division has come to pass because of the untiring efforts of 2nd Lt. Sobert Byron, who did his collegiate fencing at C.C.N.Y. I am sure that readers of *American Fencing* would be interested to know that our ever-growing sport is not being neglected by the temporary absence of its members in the Armed Forces. We here trust that we shall be able to find new talent in men who have the earnest desire to learn the art of the foil, epee and sabre; and that those who, with weapon in hand, don the mask and glove, will find themselves a new and interesting sport."

—J. de C.

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Metropolitan Events

METROPOLITAN EPEE TEAM

By Pieter Mijer

The Fencers Club's Olympic quartet (Skrobisch, Strauch, Vebell and J. de Capriles) lost only five bouts in five matches to regain the metropolitan epee team championship. A fifth Olympian, Paul Makler, led his Philadelphia contingent to a well-earned second place over Salle Santelli's national titleholders.

Qualifying Round

Pool I. Santelli "A" (Goldstein, Moss, Lewis) defeated N.Y.U. (Wallner, Schafft, Pons) 5-3; N.Y.A.C. (Barthel, Reda, Flynn) 5-1; and Fencers Club "B" (Bavuso, Metzger, Sonnenreich) 5-3. N.Y.U. defeated Fencers Club "B" (Bavuso, Metzger, Chafetz) 5-4; and N.Y.A.C. 5-2. Fencers Club "B" (Metzger, Chafetz, Sonnenreich) defeated N.Y.A.C. 5-4. Santelli "A" and N.Y.U. qualified.

Pool II. Fencer Club "A" (Strauch, Vebell, Skrobisch) defeated Santelli "B" (Mamlouk, Kapner, Marcell) 5-1; and Saltus (Stevens, Mastropao, Ritayik) 5-0. Philadelphia F.C. (Makler, Tori, Dyer) defeated Saltus 5-1; and Santelli "B" 5-2 (Ruben substituting for Dyer). Fencers Club "A" and Philadelphia F.C. qualified.

Final

(1) Fencers Club defeated N.Y.U., 5-1; Santelli "A" 5-2; and Philadelphia (J. de Capriles substituting for Vebell) 5-1. (2) Philadelphia F.C. defeated Santelli "A" 5-1 and N.Y.A.C. 5-1. (3) Santelli "A" and N.Y.U. lost two matches.

WASHINGTON SQUARE EPEE TEAM

By Leo Sobel

Jose de Capriles' phenomenal performance—a clean sweep of nine bouts with only six touches scored against him—carried the Fencers Club "A" team to a one-point victory over Santelli "A" in the popular Washington Square Epee Team competition held on February 22. Team summaries:

(1) Fencers Club "A," 20 (Skrobisch 5, de Capriles 9, Vebell 6). (2) Santelli "A," 19 (Lewis 8, Goldstein 6, Moss 5). (3/4) Fencers "B" (Bavuso 6, Cohen 7, Sonnenreich 4) and N.Y.U. "A" (Wallner 7, Schafft 4, Pons 6), 17. (5) Fencers "C," 14; (6) N.Y.A.C., 13; (7) Philadelphia F.C., 12; (8) Santelli "B," 11; (9) N.Y.U. "B," 8; (10) Fencers "D," 5.

NOVICE FOIL TEAM

By Larry Olvin

N.Y.U.'s "A" team, composed of Bernard Schoeck, Martin Taylor and Ronald Alessio, won the novice foil team competition by a margin of 3 touches over Saltus and Fencers Club after the three teams had finished the fence-off for first place in a complete tie in matches and bouts. Nine teams competed in the event.

JUNIOR EPEE

By Pieter Mijer

R. Alessio and B. Schoeck of N.Y.U., who finished 1-2 in the novice epee earlier in the season, again led the field in the junior epee championship. There were 19 competitors.

Finals: (1) Alessio, N.Y.U., 9-2; (2) Schoeck, N.Y.U., 8-3, 18/30; (3) Bernstein, Columbia, 8-3, 18/29; (4) Civan, Col., 8-3, 29 t.r.; (5) Bernard, F.C., 6-5; (6) Dollinger, F.C., 5-6, 23 t.r.; (7) Pons, N.Y.U., 5-6, 27 t.r.; (8) Moreau, Col., 4-7, 25 t.r.; (9) Wald, Col., 4-7, 27/25; (10) Petix, N.Y.U., 4-7, 27/20; (11) Weiss, Col., 3-8; (12) Schafft, N.Y.U., 2-9.

Others: Sonnenreich, Corbett, Chafetz and Leon, F.C.; Gotkin, N.Y.U.; Karolyi, Brooklyn; Barthel, N.Y.A.C.

METROPOLITAN FOIL TEAM

By Larry Olvin

The Fencers Club's national championship team, strengthened by the return of Austin Prokop to competition, defeated its chief rival, Salle Santelli, 5-3, to win the metropolitan foil team title. Dr. Daniel Bukantz starred for the winners.

Qualifying Round

Pool I. Fencers Club "A" (Cohen, Prokop, Lubell) defeated Saltus (Mastropao, Ritayik, Schechter) 9-0; and Santelli "B" (Mamlouk, Telegdy, Yurchenko) 5-0, with Dr. Bukantz substituting for Cohen. Saltus defeated Santelli "B" 5-1.

Pool II. N.Y.A.C. (Giolito, Every, Quinn) defeated Fencers Club "B" (Canvin, Brandeis, Spingarn) 5-4; Santelli "A" (Goldstein, Kwartler, Axelrod) defeated Fencers "B" 5-0.

Semi-Final

Fencers Club "A" (Prokop, Lubell, Bukantz) defeated N.Y.A.C. 5-1. Santelli "A" (Axelrod, Goldstein, Lewis) defeated Saltus 5-0.

Final

Fencers Club "A" (Bukantz 3-0, Prokop 1-2, Lubell 1-1) defeated Santelli "A" (Goldstein 1-2, Kwartler 1-2, Lewis 1-1).

Madeline Dalton Wins

Anthony Greco Trophy

By Larry Olvin

Madeline Dalton, Fencers Club, scored a clean-cut victory in the Women's Open for the Anthony Greco trophy despite a surprising 4-0 defeat at the hands of Dorothy Stack. Grace Acel was second on touches over her Santelli team-mate, Eve Cohen Siegel.

Finalists: (1) Dalton, F.C., 8-1; (2) Acel, S.S., 6-3, 21 t.r.; (3) Siegel, S.S., 6-3, 24 t.r.; (4) Ida Balint, Saltus, 5-4, 21 t.r.; (5) A. Drungis, S.S., 5-4, 27 t.r.; (6) J. Doershuk, F.C., 4-5, 27 t.r.; (7) D. Stack, F.C., 4-5, 29 t.r.; (8) J. Shaff, S.S., 3-6, 29 t.r.; (9) D. Funke, F.C., 3-6, 30 t.r.; (10) D. Friedman, S.S., 1-8.

Others: Dedousis, Feigelman, Knab, Pierce and Makabe, Santelli; Parker, Rohdes; Kopp, Montclair; Boyd, G.C.Y.M.C.A.; Jenkins, Lucia.

QUALIFIERS FOR WOMEN'S ALL EASTERN INTERMEDIATE

The eight qualifiers were: Ann Drungis, Louise Knab, Grace Makabe, Beatrice Matzkin (Santelli); Mildred Boyce, Julia Doershuk, Martha Rothman (F.C.) and Ida Balint (Saltus). Alternates: (1) Constance Jenkins (Lucia); (2) Marilyn Rich (Pavloff).

JUNIOR FOIL

By Allan Kwartler

With the first eight contestants closely bunched, Dan Marmer of the Fencers Club came out on top to win the junior foil championship. There were triple ties for second and for fifth.

Finals: (1) Marmer, F.C., 6-2; (2) Brandeis, F.C., 5-3, 26 t.r.; (3) Schoeck, NYU, 5-3, 28 t.r.; (4) Reda, NYAC, 5-3, 31 t.r.; (5) Wallner, NYU, 4-4, 29 t.r.; (6) Canvin, F.C., 4-4, 31 t.r.; (7) Milletari, F.C., 4-4, 35 t.r.; (8) Anderson, NYAC, 3-5; (9) De Marco, Col., 0-8.

Semi-finalists: Mamlouk, Podnos and Yurchenko, Santelli; Fixman, Saltus; Sanchez, Conn.; Frank, F.C.; Seeman, CCNY; Gotkin, NYU; Shome, unatt.

Others: Moss, Levitan, Price, Schulewisky, Spira (Santelli); Pons, Petix, Schafft (NYU); Dollinger (F.C.); Di Martini, Hagihiara (Columbia); Sebo (GCYMC.A.); Barthel (NYAC); Wyser-Pratt, Westch.; Bar, Gladowski, Manning, Zelkowitz.

METROPOLITAN SABRE TEAM

By Austin Prokop

Salle Santelli's powerhouse team of Tibor Nyilas, George Worth, Sol Gorlin and Allan Kwartler, trailing 0-2 in bouts and 0-2 in touches in the third bout of the final match, rallied strongly to defeat Philadelphia F.C. 5-2, losing only four touches in the process. For the Philadelphians, Paul Makler and Dick Dyer served notice that they are ready to make trouble for the established stars in sabre.

Qualifying Round

Pool I. Santelli "A" (Kwartler, Nyilas, Gorlin) defeated Fencers Club "B" (Sonnenreich, Schmukler, Tishman) 5-4. N.Y.A.C. (Ozol, Flynn, Sully) defeated Fencers Club "B" (Schmukler, Sonnenreich, Milletari) 5-3.

Pool II. Santelli "B" (Kapner, Blum, Pongo) defeated Fencers Club "A" (Cohen, Spingarn, Millard) 6-3. Philadelphia F.C. (Makler, Dyer, Lopez) defeated Fencers Club "A" (J. de Capriles, Cohen, Millard) 5-2.

Semi-Final

Santelli "A" (Worth 2-0, Gorlin 2-1, Nyilas 1-1) defeated Philadelphia (Makler 1-1, Dyer 1-1, Lopez 0-3), 5-2.

Final

Santelli "A" (Worth 2-0, Gorlin 2-1, Nyilas 1-1) defeated Philadelphia (Makler 1-1, Dyer 1-1, Lopez 0-3), 5-2.

JUNIOR SABRE

By Grace Acel

Lou Shaff, of Santelli, won the junior sabre championship by defeating Jim Canvin, Fencers Club, 5-3 in the fence-off for the title. There were 21 competitors.

Finalists: (1) L. Shaff, Santelli, 4-1; won fence-off, 5-3; (2) J. Canvin, F.C., 4-1; (3) B. Pariser, Col., 3-2; (4) J. Kaufman, Co., 2-3; (5) H. Weinstein, Col., 1-4, 21 t.r.; (6) U. Milletari, F.C., 1-4, 24 t.r.

Semi-finalists: W. Crosley and H. Stein, Santelli; T. Reuter and M. Stein, Columbia; W. Reda, N.Y.A.C.; B. Goldwyn, Lehigh.

Others: B. Whittingham, Saltus; E. D. Sebo, Railroad YMCA; H. Schmukler, F.C.; W. Goering, Yale; P. Anderson, W. Dow, V. Surdi and R. Flynn, N.Y.A.C.; D. Tullsen, Santelli.

PREP FOIL

By Leo Sobel

Edward Sebo of Grand Central Y.M.C.A. defeated Rudolph Cason of Masters, 5-4, to win the prep foil event at the Rohdes Academy. Thomas Niosi of Santelli was third in the field of twelve.

METROPOLITAN QUALIFIERS FOR NATIONAL EPEE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Pieter Mijer

The eight non-divisional qualifiers for the nationals in epee were: (1) A. Cohen, F.C., 19-1; (2) Bernard, F.C., 7-4; (3) Bavuso, F.C., 6-5; (4) Goldsmith, F.C., 6-5; (5) Salzburg, F.C., 6-5; (6) Dollinger, F.C., 6-5; (7) Metzger, F.C., 6-5; (8) Sonnenreich, F.C., 5-6, 21 t.r. The alternates, in order, are: (1) Ritayik, Saltus, 5-6, 24 t.r.; (2) Kapner, Santelli, 5-6, 26 t.r.; (3) Mamlouk, Santelli, 2-9, 31 t.r.; (4) Levitan, Santelli, 2-9, 32 t.r. Eliminated were Moss, Santelli; Barthel, N.Y.A.C.; Mastropao, Saltus; and Chafetz, Corbett and Leon, Fencers Club.

VOLUNTEER AMATEUR COACHING IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS

By William F. Strobel

The history of great athletic champions—such as Helene Mayer at 13, Aldo Nadi at 11, Dick Button in figure skating at 13, Bob Matthias in decathlon at 17, and many others—is the best proof that the time to start a sport is in the early years. From a practical standpoint, the earliest we can hope to reach American youngsters to introduce them to fencing is in our high schools. Until we reach them by the thousands we cannot hope to attain a satisfactory level of fencing achievement.

What we need is an organized effort, a nation-wide movement for **Volunteer Amateur Coaching in the High Schools**. Give it a slogan—"More and Better Fencers through Volunteer Amateur Coaching." Here in New York City is the best group to start with. Many of our fencers are former recipients of exactly this type of teaching, and they should willing to give others what they themselves have gotten. I should like to see **American Fencing** carry a series of "fillers" on almost every page along the following lines:

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National Coaches Association, but it is slow work to get them into action. The official viewpoint seems to be the one advocated by Mac Garrett of Illinois, that the **only** solution is to try to develop competent fencing instructors among Physical Education teachers. But Garrett himself recognizes that there are few Physical Education majors who go out for varsity fencing. The trouble with this solution is that it will not produce a sufficient number of professional fencing teachers for many years, if ever. It is too late at the college level to interest more than a handful of teacher trainees to take up fencing. Most of them have chosen their sport fields back in high school. The six or ten lessons in fencing given at N.Y.U. School of Education, and similar institutions, for physical education students would hardly make competent fencing teachers.

What we must do is to send out of our high schools, many, many fencers—thousands of them—some of whom may in the future be high school teachers and in turn train more fencers. As in a forest, many seeds fall to the ground: Some never take root, some grow into whips and die; but also, some continue to survive and develop into sturdy trees. We must produce these **Fencing Seeds**.

This can be done in sufficient numbers only by concerted effort among fencing amateurs. I am certain that all over the country there must be many amateur fencers who could well afford to de-emphasize their personal competitive urge and devote some of their time and energy to **Amateur Coaching** in the high schools, in order to bring about this much-needed growth—to produce these **Fencing Seeds**.

In New York City, prior to World War II, there were only four men in the city high schools who knew fencing and coached their teams. Yet there were 20 schools at that time in the fencing program of the Public Schools Athletic League. The remaining 16 were coached by an alumnus or other interested person—a **Volunteer Amateur Coach**. Practice was held under the supervision of some faculty member because, under the law, no activity in our schools may go on without faculty supervision. The situation has not improved since the war. There are now only eleven schools in the P.S.A.L. fencing program. Again today there are only four faculty coaches; the other seven teams are trained by **Volunteer Amateurs**.

That this system has been successful is evidenced by the crop of college professionals who came out of P.S.A.L. fencing: Velarde, formerly of West Point and Columbia; De-Koff of Columbia; Tauber of Yeshiva; Lucia of C.C.N.Y.; Garrett of Illinois; Kaplan of Ohio State; Sieja of Princeton, and many others. They are doing a grand job, as good as if not better than the work of some importations. I feel a strong personal interest in them because I like to think that in some measure my influence on P.S.A.L. fencing may have been valuable to them.

Naturally I want to help this movement for **Volunteer Amateur Coaches**. My thanks go to **American Fencing** for giving space to my article on "Creating Interest." I will be glad to follow it up with some suggestions dealing with the organization of high school groups and work with beginners. I am not a French or Italian fencing master, but I

HONEYCUTT TROPHY

By Leo Sobel

George Worth's stellar showing in sabre provided the winning margin for Salle Santelli in the All-Eastern Three Weapon Team Competition for the Honeycutt Trophy. The winner is determined by the lowest total touches received in all three weapons. The summaries follow (foil, epee and sabre):

(1) Salle Santelli (Axelrod 14, Goldstein 14, Worth 8) 36; (2) Fencers Club (J. de Capriles 14, Bavuso 13, Cohen 14) 41; (3) Philadelphia FC (Makler 15, Tori 14, Dyer 14) 43; (4) N.Y.A.C. (Giolito 12, Barthel 14, Flynn 18) 44.

WOMEN'S ALL-EASTERN INTERMEDIATE

By Anne M. Drungis

Julia Doerschuk of the Fencers Club, after a poor start in the semi-finals and the loss of her first bout in the finals, won seven bouts in a row to capture the Women's All-Eastern Intermediate Championship. Ida Balint of Saltus was second, and Anne Drungis of Salle Santelli was third.

The competition was marred by the absence of the bout committee, the dearth of officials, and the lack of score sheets—all of which made a very poor impression on contestants who had traveled long distances from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New Jersey, as well as the metropolitan contingent who feel that women's events have been disgracefully neglected in this area. Only the eventual arrival of Mr. Milton Markowitz and Mr. Leonard Turk saved the day.

SUMMARIES

Finals: (1) J. Doerschuk, F.C., 7-1; (2) Ida Balint, Saltus, 6-2; (3) Anne Drungis, S.S., 5-3; (4) M. Boyce, F.C., 4-4, 19 t.r.; (5) G. Makabe, S.S., 4-4, 24 t.r.; (6) L. Knab, S.S., 4-4, 26 t.r.; (7) L. Nielsen, Wash., 2-6, 28 t.r.r (8) tie, C. Kopp, Montclair STC, and Abbie Rose, Balt., 2-3, 29/17.

Semi-Finalists: Fain and Morgan, Bryn Mawr; Wegener, Wash.; Cravero, Dardio, Moreck and Miller, Paterson STC; Jenkins, Lucia.

ALL EASTERN INTERMEDIATE FOIL

By Anthony Orsi

Vincent Surdi, NYAC, defeated his teammate, Evan Quinn, 5-3, in an early bout and this victory decided the All-Eastern Intermediate Foil Championship, as both men finished well ahead of the field. A triple tie for third place was resolved on touches in favor of Arthur Spingarn, Fencers Club.

Finals: (1) V. Surdi, NYAC, 7-1; (2) E. Quinn, NYAC, 6-2; (3) A. Spingarn, FC, 4-4, 30 t.r.; (4) P. Conomikos, Wash. FC, 4-4, 32 t.r.; (5) R. Zitomer, Phila. FC, 4-4, 33 t.r.; (6) A. Sully, 3-5, 33/29; (7) tie, D. Marmer and P. Franks, FC, 3-5, 33/26 each; (9) W. Reda, NYAC, 2-6.

Others: S. Breckinridge, Wash. FC, and P. Anderson, NYAC, out on touches; A. Vogt and Robert Flynn, NYAC; J. Canvin, V. Yurchenko and U. Miletari, FC; H. Kolowrat, Princeton; D. Edwards, Phila. FC; A. Seeman, CCNY.

do know how to work with beginners, and I want to pass this knowledge on to others—just as I believe every fencer should pass on to others his knowledge of our great sport. The promotion of this idea is the most important job anyone interested in the growth of fencing must tackle.

Ed. Note: The foregoing was written by Mr. Strobel, who for many years was in charge of P.S.A.L. fencing in New York, in a personal letter to Jose de Capriles. It is printed with minor editorial revisions required by the change of format from letter to article.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

APRIL

19 Westch. FOIL (Men & Women) Novice 7:30 p.m.—White Pl. Co. Cen.
 24 All-Eastern SABRE Interim Noon—U. of Penn.
 Gulf EPEE Open and Team 2 p.m.—Rice Institute
 Gulf WOMEN'S Junior 2 p.m.—Rice Institute
 Md. WOMEN'S Open 2 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.
 No. Cal. FOIL Team 8 p.m.—Stanford Univ.
 25 Met. FOIL Champ. Noon—NYAC
 New Eng. SABRE (Qual. Rd.) 2 p.m.—M.I.T.
 Wash. (D.C.) WOMEN'S Champ. 1 p.m.—Central YMCA
 26 Westch. EPEE, SABRE Novice 7:30 p.m.—White Pl. Co. Cen.
 30 So. Cal. THREE WEAPON Ind. 8 p.m.—L.A.A.C.

MAY

1 Met. SABRE Champ. 10:30 a.m.—N.Y.A.C.
 Md. WOMEN'S (Closed) 2 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.
 All Boston HIGH SCHOOL Teams 2 p.m.—M.I.T.
 1-2 Mid-West Championships All day—Marquette U., Milwaukee
 2 Met. WOMEN'S Champ. Noon—Fencers Club
 Md. FOIL (Closed) 2 p.m.—Jewish C.C.
 New Eng. SABRE Champ. 2 p.m.—M.I.T.
 No. Cal. Helene Mayer Memorial 2 p.m.—Mills Col., Oakland
 Ore. 3 WEAPON Event Reed College
 Wash. (D.C.) EPEE Champ. 1 p.m.—Central YMCA
 3 Westch. FOIL (Men & Women) Jr. 7:30 p.m.—White Pl. Co. Cen.
 6 N.J. WOMEN'S Ch. (Qual. Rd. Nats.) 7:30 p.m.—Montclair STC
 7 So. Cal. 3 WEAPON Team 8 p.m.—L.A.A.C.
 7-8 Inland Empire Tournament 8 p.m.—L.A.A.C.
 8 Met. EPEE Champ. Noon—Fencers Club
 9 New Eng. EPEE Champ. 2 p.m.—M.I.T.
 Md. EPEE (Closed) 1:30 p.m.—Jewish C.C.
 Md. SABRE (Closed) 3:30 p.m.—Jewish C.C.
 Wash. (D.C.) SABRE Champ. 1 p.m.—Central YMCA
 10 Westch. EPEE, SABRE Jr. 7:30 p.m.—White Pl. Co. Cen.
 15 Md. EPEE Team 2 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.
 New Eng. WOMEN'S Champ. 2 p.m.—BFC, Cambridge YWCA
 Met. SABRE (Santelli Open) 1 p.m.—Grand Central YMCA
 16 Met. EPEE MASTERS 1 p.m.—Fencers Club
 New England FOIL Champ. 2 p.m.—M.I.T.
 Ore. EPEE Outdoor Open Mt. Tabor Pk.
 Wash. (D.C.) FOIL Champ. 1 p.m.—Central YMCA
 17 Westch. FOIL (Men & Women) Open 7:30 p.m.—White Pl. Co. Cen.
 21-22-23 Pacific Coast Championships All day—Los Angeles A.C.
 22 All East. THREE WEAPON Team Armory, Passaic (N.J.)
 (Wechsler Trophy)
 23 New Eng. FOIL (Levis comp.) 2 p.m.—M.I.T.
 Met. FOIL MASTERS 1 p.m.—Fencers Club
 24 Westch. EPEE, SABRE Open 7:30 p.m.—White Pl. Co. Cen.

Fencing Party

The Grand Central Y.M.C.A. Fencing Club, the fastest growing organization in the metropolitan area, has organized a supper-dance featuring a sabre exhibition by George Santelli and George Worth on Friday evening, April 23. President Lawrence M. Goldstein has issued a general invitation to members of all local fencing clubs to attend the affair and get better acquainted. Tickets (\$5.75 per couple) may be obtained from Mr. Goldstein at 17 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

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1954 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

N.B. This schedule is subject to change if pending television arrangements require it. Contestants properly entered in accordance with the rules will be notified of any change of program. Bout Committee headquarters will be at Fencers Club.

Friday	10 a.m.	EPEE TEAM, thru semi-final....N.Y.A.C.
June 11	10 a.m.	WOMEN'S TEAM, thru semi-final....F.C.
	7 p.m.	WOMEN'S TEAM FINALSF.C.
Saturday	10 a.m.	FOIL TEAM, thru semi-final....GCYMCA
June 12	7 p.m.	EPEE TEAM FINALSN.Y.A.C.
Sunday	10 a.m.	SABRE TEAM (complete)Saltus
June 13	7:30 p.m.	FOIL TEAM FINALSGCYMCA
Monday	10 a.m.	EPEE INDIV., thru semi-f.N.Y.A.C.
June 14	8 p.m.	A.F.L.A. ANNUAL MEETING.....F.C.
Tuesday	10 a.m.	EPEE INDIV. FINALSN.Y.A.C.
June 15	7 p.m.	WOMEN'S INDIV. thru semi-f.F.C.
Wednesday	10 a.m.	FOIL INDIV., thru semi-f.N.Y.A.C.
June 16	7 p.m.	WOMEN'S INDIV. FINALSF.C.
Thursday	10 a.m.	SABRE INDIV., thru semi-f....GCYMCA
June 17	7 p.m.	FOIL INDIV. FINALSN.Y.A.C.
Friday	10 a.m.	3 WEAPON TEAM, thru semi-f.....F.C.
June 18	2 p.m.	SABRE INDIV. FINALSF.C.
	8:30 p.m.	3 WEAPON TEAM FINALS AND GALA NIGHT - Hotel Waldorf-Astoria

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(N.Y.A.C.) New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park South.

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(Saltus) Saltus-McBurney Club, Y.M.C.A., 215 West 23rd St.

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OLYMPIC FENCING FACTS - II

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In the last issue, I mentioned that the Olympic fencing program since 1924 has consisted of seven events: men's foil team and individual, epee team and individual, sabre team and individual, and women's individual. I also mentioned that the length of this program is often the full 14 days of the Olympic Games, although in 1952 the schedule was cut to 12 days by overlapping the women's individual with the epee team and individual. In this article I shall deal with the organization of this program.

1. **Maximum size of teams:** The Olympic rules permit each country to enter a team of six men in each weapon: four to fence in any one match, and two reserves. There is a limit of three entries per country (as compared with six in the World Championships) in each of the four individual events. The individual and team entries may be entirely separate, so that the maximum size of an Olympic team is 30 competitors (27 men and 3 women). It is customary, however, for the three individuals in the men's events to be members of the teams in the various weapons, so that 18 men and 3 women are the normal competitive complement of an Olympic team.

2. **Schedule:** Each event of the Olympic program is scheduled in two consecutive days, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions providing about 12 hours of fencing time each day. It has been customary for the men's individual events to follow the corresponding team event, so that a fencer competing in both team and individual in a single weapon may have to fence on four successive days. This arrangement, which also prevails at the World Championships, seems to be dictated by reasons of economy for countries which wish to limit the length of stay of their representatives in each weapon. For the United States, it would be better to have the three team events held first, so as to permit a period of rest between the team and individual competitions; but this view seems to be in the minority.

3. **Structure of team competition:** Olympic team events are usually set up in four rounds: Qualifying and quarter-final the first day; semi-final and final the second day. This provides for a maximum capacity of 32 teams, divided into eight qualifying pools of four teams each (two teams moving up from each pool), followed by four quarter-finals, two semi-finals, and a final of our teams. The number of competing teams

has never exceeded 24, however, so that there are usually six qualifying pools, each of three or four teams. The remaining 12 teams are grouped into either four quarter-final pools of three teams, or three quarter-finals of four teams each; both patterns were used in 1952. This in turn affects the set up for the two semi-finals, which may consist of either three or four teams each.

A rough seeding arrangement (*têtes de série*) separates the strongest teams, and the round-robin system in each pool is expected to avoid the elimination of any team strong enough to win a place, since normally two defeats are required for elimination. It sometimes happens, however, that in an evenly balanced pool three teams may tie in match victories and one of them may be eliminated on bouts or touches with only one defeat. This happened to the United States in foil in 1952.

The present rule for counting bouts and eventually touches in resolving match-victory ties applies to all pools, **including first place in the final**. The United States is partly responsible for the abandonment of the old rule which required fence-offs of all ties for first place. In the 1932 Olympic final at Los Angeles, the United States foil team unexpectedly defeated France by a single touch to go into a triple tie with France and Italy for first place. Had the tie been resolved by counting bouts, Italy would have won and the United States would have been third. With the triple fence-off, the United States finished third anyway, but France beat Italy for the championship. The prolonged competition lasted until after 2 A.M. of the next day, causing a serious disruption in the schedule of the individuals later that day. The rules were changed soon afterward, so that today a fence-off is required only in the unlikely event that the teams are tied for first place in matches, bouts, and touches received and scored.

4. **Structure of individual competition:** It has been customary in foil and sabre to set up the Olympic individuals so as to produce a final round of either 8 or 9 competitors. In epee, the final has usually been of 10 fencers. The semi-finals therefore consist of 16, 18, or 20 competitors, divided into two or three pools ranging in size from 6 to 10. The composition of the semi-finals in turn affects the quarter-final structure, and so on. As a rule four rounds are sufficient if the total number of contestants is 60 or less.

The Olympic rules provide that the first-

round pools in individuals be drawn in advance, but it often is necessary to modify the announced pools. In part this is due to another rule by which a fencer competing in the team finals the day before is entitled to a first-round bye if he has had less than 24 hours of rest. Since the team final consists of four teams and each is entitled to 3 individual byes, there are usually 12 fencers whose names appear in the first-round pools who do not have to fence. In addition, there are always some competitors who enter but do not show up.

Under the rules, three fencers **must** qualify from each pool at every elimination round. In general, an effort is made to qualify one-half of the contestants in each pool, but three out of seven is not unusual. If there are ties for qualification, a fence-off is held, and touches are not counted unless there is still a tie after the fence-off. The rules have recently been amended so as to provide for fence-offs of ties for **any** Olympic medal in the final, instead of only for first place.

5. **Physical Layout:** In order to run this program it is necessary to provide a minimum of eight full-length Olympic strips (about 60 feet of playing surface) and preferably not less than ten. Every strip is likely to be in simultaneous use for the first and second rounds of both the team and individual events.

6. **Officials:** The Olympic fencing events are conducted by an international bout committee of seven men, including two from the host country, one from North America and one from South America. In 1948 and 1952 Tracy Jaeckel of the United States was a member of this committee, which is known as the **Directoire Technique**. Since every bout in foil and sabre requires the services of one director and four judges, and eight or ten bouts are likely to be going on at one time at various stages of the tournament, the absolute minimum number of officials is between 40 and 50. In practice, at least double that number must be available to provide relief from over-taxing assignments. It is common experience that even the most competent officials lose efficiency if required to perform for more than two consecutive hours without relief. All officials must be amateurs and registered members of the F.I.E., and each participating country is expected to provide its fair share. This is one of the most difficult problems for the United States, which I shall discuss in a later article.

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